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## TO THE JOURNAL

The *Journal*, the newspaper, or the thing, that says the hotelkeepers, or any hotelkeeper, subscribed to the Liberal campaign fund, or any Liberal campaign fund, in the Gleichen election, or for the Gleichen election, is a liar and the truth is not in him.

## SHORT COMMENTS

The House of Commons is a great institution. It is composed, or it should be composed, of the cream of the public-spirited men of the Dominion. Even defuncts and exiles would admit that its members are the next best. They are—or should be—men of light and leading, whose time is precious, and who snatch with difficulty from other pressing duties a few brief weeks for the service of their country. Yet today who attends its sittings would be justified in thinking that they had all the time there is on their hands. Take today. Although the House opened sharp at 3, it was 4 o'clock before anything was done that could not have been done in five minutes. The consumer of time was the item known as answers to members. The questions to be answered are spread on the Orders of the Day. There were 26 of them, and while there might be two or three of them of some significance or importance, the great bulk of them are such as would be too trifling for conversation between two gossip in the market place on a dull morning. It is a form of fame for which little nobodies whose presence in Parliament is a mischance, or at all events a mistake, thirst. In today's batch, for example, Mr. Blain of Peel asks "When was the Ottawa post office built, and what was the contract price?" As it was built some 30 years ago, the appropriateness of the question may be appreciated. He probably wants to settle a bet on behalf of himself or a friend, and he takes up the time and printing of Parliament to get an answer. Then Mr. Lefurgey asks, "How often are harbor dues due on a vessel for a year, and how are they paid?" May one portion of said dues be paid in one part, and one portion in another? Why did not Mr. Lefurgey use the mails or the telephone for this statesmanlike question? Fully a quarter of the interrogations are of this caliber, and a vast waste of time is spent in answering them. The question may well be considered whether the replies could not be laid on the table just as the questions have been. They all subsequently appear in the Hansard, and so far as giving them to the public is concerned, they would be more likely to reach that hydra-headed monster if copies of the answer which the minister reads from a typewritten page were filed in the press room. Question hour is a feature of the Imperial Parliament, but it is not a precedent which should be slavishly followed. It is mainly an hour wasted.

While speaking of the waste of time, table just as the questions have been recently cited, Mr. Herron, the member for Alberta, introduced a resolution on a most important subject, namely, the alleged existence of a lumber "combine" in British Columbia, by which the price of lumber throughout the west is unduly and illegally enhanced. His resolution called for the appointment of a select committee to inquire into the matter. Mr. Herron stated his case well and succinctly. Mr. Oliver, saying that the existence of such a "combine" was generally credited in the west, and the Government would agree to the appointment of the committee and endeavor to get at the bottom of the matter.

If the Government had refused the committee it would have been in order to have backed up Mr. Herron's case with additional buttresses, as it was agreed to, however, what did it profit the House or the country that Messrs. McCarthy of Calgary and

Lake of Qu'Appelle should spend the rest of the afternoon proving that a committee was needed—laying the claim? Edmund K. Sheppard was once a member of the western man. He was a silent man, he said. The vast quiet places had lain their impress on him, and his words were few and weighty. Well, it may be wondered that he never met Messrs. McCarthy and Lake. If Mr. Lake saw a copy on a knoll he would make a speech at it, if he had his notes with him. He had his notes with him today, and he had his notes with him today, and there was nothing for it but to practice saintly patience. It was all good stuff, no doubt, as evidence for the discounting, but nobody but the industrious proponent of Hansard will ever read what was uttered today. Is the time of the chief legislature of Canada of no value?

There is no need for this Parliament to sit six or seven months of the year. It would be a pleasanter body, a more respected body, and do the business of the country better if it sat three or four—Toronto Globe.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Young Liberals of the city have tendered to the members of the legislature the freedom of their club rooms during the session.

John Macdonald, M.P. for Pincher Creek, asked leave in the legislature yesterday to introduce a bill to amend the Coal Miners' Act by providing for an eight-hour day underground.

We congratulate F. A. Walker, M. P., on his election as Liberal Whip. A better selection could scarcely be made as Mr. Walker is one of the most popular members of the legislature.

Now that the government is going to care for the interests of the province it is up to the Calgary papers to suggest Edmonton as a site for the asylum. This is one of the things they call a joke.

Mr. Hebert, it appears, wants a Hansard in the legislature. With the abolition of Hansard a live question at Ottawa the member for Rosebud will likely have to depend upon the press for reports of his speeches yet awhile.

The Chicago stock yards have a new bug called "the lead pipe cinch bug" from its habits of making a meal on the lead pipes encasing the underground electric wires. They are brown, hairy little wigglers about five eighths of an inch long and are swarming in the hood storage houses at the yards, eating the lead pipes and often short-circuiting the electric current.

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